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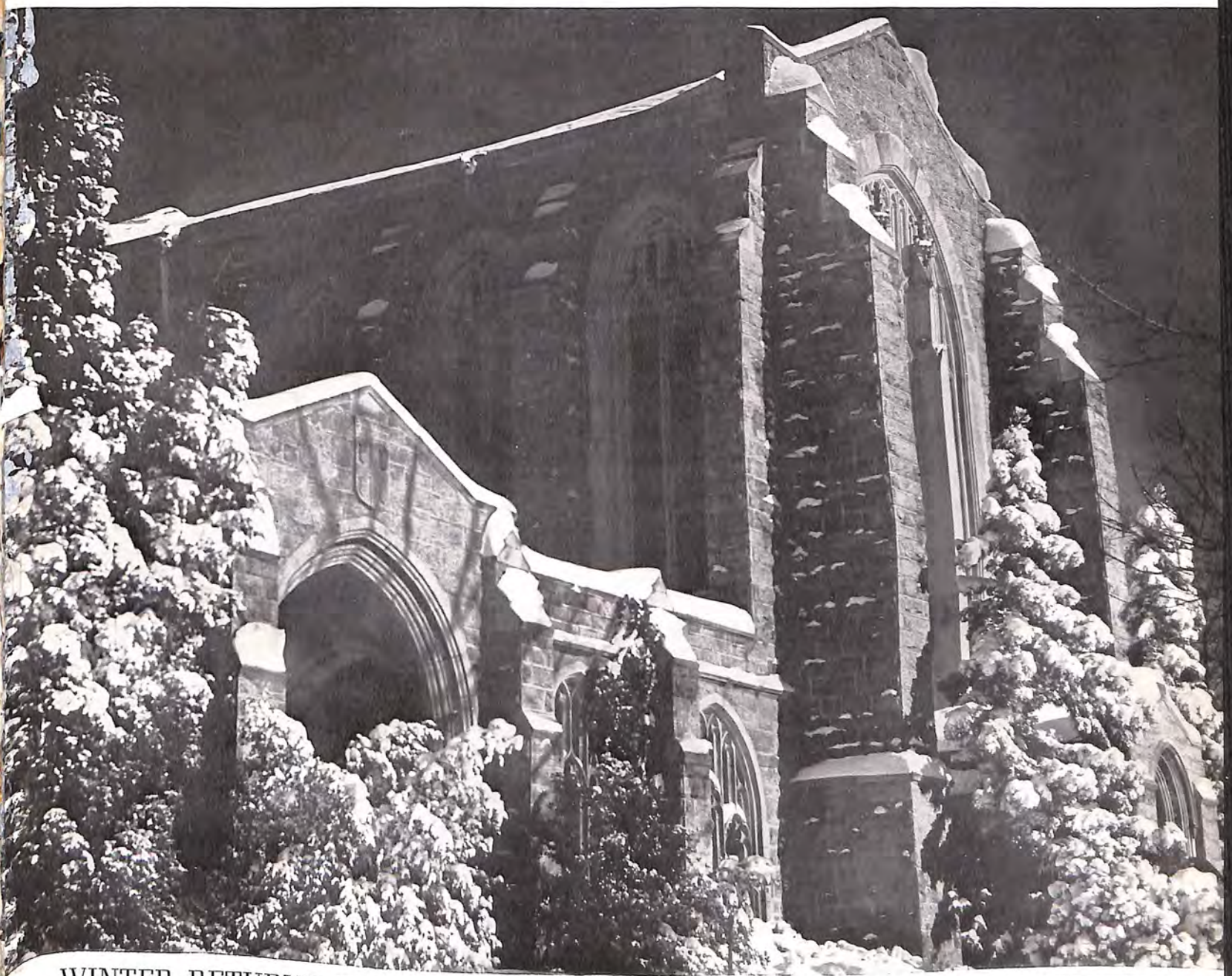

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Checks, bonds or other gifts for the above purpose may be sent to the Bishop at the Church House, 202 South 19th Street, Philadelphia 3, clearly marked for the Fund for the Endowment of the Episcopate, Diocese of Pennsylvania.

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The Church News

OBJECT *1. To promote Unity of Diocesan Life by disseminating news of the Diocese, its institutions, parishes and missions, and by printing letters and pastorals by the Bishop from time to time. 2. To promote the Missionary and Benevolent Work of the Diocese by publishing reports and appeals, and by recording current news and events.*

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ONE WORLD IN CHRIST

Why? When? How?

The Presiding Bishop said at the General Convention "When the people know they will respond." We face the task of knowing our responsibility and then of meeting it financially. Your representatives at General Convention joined all others in voting unanimously for the adoption of a budget of $5,634,617.00 for 1950 to meet our worldwide responsibility for education, missions and social service.

For this year the National Council advocates two efforts to raise this budget. First, the Every Member Canvass recently held. The raising of the quota assigned your parish in October for 1950 by The Diocese of Pennsylvania was your goal.

Secondly, a campaign of education entitled ONE WORLD IN CHRIST which will reach its climax on March 12, 1950 with an address over a nationwide radio broadcast by the Presiding Bishop. Before or after that broadcast, each parish will take such steps as it deems wise and necessary to raise the additional amount which the new General Convention Budget requires.

The Plan

Do the same things, in the same way, at the same time and discover the great power which lies in a Church united in a common cause.

January—The Church's Work Overseas (Mailing piece — Know Your Church's Work Overseas—to be sent to every parish family)

February—The Church's Work at Home (Mailing piece—Know Your Church's Work at Home—to be sent to every parish family)

March—The Church's Work in Christian Education. (Mailing piece—Know Your Church—to be sent to every parish family)

Appoint a Chairman

There are many ways in which a lay chairman can be of great help: the placing of posters, the addressing of booklets, news releases to the local papers, and the mechanical arrangements for Bishop Sherrill's address on March 12. We urge you to appoint your chairman at once so that he will know of the plan from the beginning.

The Presiding Bishop's Broadcast—March 12

As a climax to the educational program of ONE WORLD IN CHRIST, on Sunday, March 12, between 11:30 and 11:45 a.m. in each time zone, the Presiding Bishop will speak to all congregations. He will speak directly to Episcopalians. Immediately following his address we ask that all congregations make a special offering (cash or pledges) for the raising of the Church's larger budget unless the local parish has made some other arrangement for the raising of its additional amount.

Here are the materials to help you with this part of the program:

A PARISH GUIDE FOR MARCH 12, 1950: On February 15 the National Council will send each rector or vicar without order a Parish Guide for March 12. It will tell you how to prepare your church to hear the Presiding Bishop's talk and how to prepare for your canvass. It will give specific suggestions regarding ways to build very large congregations for the March 12 service, and information about ordering radio transcriptions or phonograph records for churches outside the effective range of any radio station.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: Special offering envelopes will be provided by the National Council for those who wish to make a cash offering for One World in Christ. A space for the giver's name is provided so you will be able to follow up those who have not shared.

PLEDGE CARDS: A special pledge card will be provided for the One World in Christ Campaign.

For more detailed information see—A CLERGY MANUAL FOR ONE WORLD IN CHRIST and BY LAYMEN FOR LAYMEN: or communicate with the Church House.

IN FEBRUARY KNOW YOUR CHURCH'S WORK AT HOME

Sometimes when people say "I don't believe in missions" they mean foreign missions, among strange people in distant lands that they have never visited and cannot visualize. But every Christian must believe in missionary effort beyond the boundaries of his or her own congregation. The people in the congested areas of our cities, minority racial groups, rural areas, mountaineers, Indians. We all acknowledge some measure of responsibility for these people and their children; but we are often as ignorant concerning them as we are concerning people in lands across the seas.

The February program of the "One World in Christ" Campaign is to de-

vote this month to an educational program on all work undertaken by the National Council of the Episcopal Church (with the exception of Christian Education) not included in Overseas work. Social Service, Armed Forces, student work, over twenty Domestic Missionary Districts—these and many other particular forms of work at home are to be studied in February, because when the people know they will respond.

There are available at 281 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. posters to advertise this particular part of the program and booklets intended to be sent to every family in your parish or mission. This literature is furnished without charge, but, it must be ordered by each parish or mission directly from the National Council.

DIOCESAN EXTENSION PLAN

The following statement comes from the office of Bishop Hart:

Most of you are aware of the enlarged Budget adopted by the General Convention for our missionary work at home and abroad. Our diocese, at its Convention last May accepted a Quota of $225,000.00 The Quota assigned to us for 1950 under the enlarged Budget is $332,287.00.

At a meeting of the Executive Council held December 9, 1949, a resolution was adopted approving of a financial campaign for a sum not less than five hundred and ten thousand dollars ($510,000.00) to be allocated as follows:

1. Enlarged Missionary Program, including the Presiding Bishop's Fund $110,000.00
2. Church Extension in our Diocese $150,000.00
3. Diocesan Conference Center $125,000.00
4. Class room and dormitory building Philadelphia Divinity School $125,000.00

The Presiding Bishop is to make a radio appeal to the whole Church on Sunday, March 12th. On that day, in many parishes, an offering will be taken for the enlarged Budget of the National Council. Some parishes have already accepted their share of this Budget. The Bishop and the members of the Field Department are working on plans for the raising of the money of items 2, 3, and 4, and will inform the clergy and laymen of the diocese as soon as the plans are made.

CONCERNING VALLEY FORGE

As you admire our cover, showing the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge in a snow storm, we are privileged to pass on to you the information received from Dr. "Jack" Hart concerning a summer venture of his in the field of radio broadcasting. Last summer Dr. Hart delivered a series of thirteen Sunday broadcasts over Station WFIL, comparing three well known popular books: "Peace of Mind" by Rabbi Joshua Liebman; "A Guide to Confident Living" by Norman Vincent Peale; "Peace of Soul" by Fulton J. Sheen. Many requests for these lectures have been received. They have been published and copies may be obtained free of charge from the Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge.

THE PRESIDING BISHOP'S BOOK FOR LENT

"The Atoning Life"—by Henry Sylvester Nash—Harper & Brothers, $1.00. Publication date—January 18, 1950.

This new edition of a book written almost fifty years ago by the father of the present Bishop of Massachusetts, who was at the time of writing, Professor of Theology at the Episcopal Theological Seminary, Cambridge, Mass., was chosen for definite reasons.

Bishop Sherrill in a foreword reminds us that trust abides from generation to generation and this work of Dr. Nash is as modern as the minute. It is also a timeless book. It plumbs life's mysteries, pain, pleasure; the problems of individuals, the social problem of the family and the world. The book of a great scholar and teacher it is the work of one, "who, above all was a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ."

LENTEN NOON-DAY SERVICES IN DOWN-TOWN CHURCHES

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will hold daily Noonday Lenten Services in St. Stephen's Church, Tenth Street, above Chestnut. "*Where Lenten Noonday Services Began*" 12:30 o'clock—Closing at 12:55 precisely. The following speakers will preach.

Ash-Wednesday, February 22—the Rt. Rev. J. Gillespie Armstrong, Suffragan Bishop of Pennsylvania.

February 23—the Rt. Rev. Frank W. Sterrett, Bishop of Bethlehem.

February 24 and 25—the Rev. John Robbins Hart, Washington Memorial Chapel Valley Forge.

February 27-*March* 3—the Very Rev. Frank D. Gifford, Dean, Philadelphia Divinity School.

March 4—the Rev. Herbert W. Jones, Rector Holy Nativity Memorial Church, Rockledge.

March 6-10—the Rev. John Gayner Banks, San Diego, California.

March 11—the Rev. Harold A. Hopkins, St. Anne's Church, Willow Grove.

March 13-18—the Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, Rector, Christ Church & St. Michael's Germantown.

March 20-24—the Very Rev. N. R. High Moor, Dean, Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh.

March 25—The Rev. Jesse F. Anderson, Rector, St. Thomas Church, Philadelphia.

March 27-31—the Very Rev. Chester B. Emerson, Dean, Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland.

April 1—The Rev. S. Tagart Steele, Jr., Chaplain, Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

April 3-6—the Very Rev. Fred M. Adams Dean, Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, N. J.

April 7—the Rt. Rev. William P. Remington, Suffragan Bishop of Pennsylvania.

April 8—the Rev. Alfred W. Price, Rector, St. Stephen's Church.

CHRIST CHURCH

Continuing its week-day ministry to the business community of Old Philadelphia, Christ Church, 2nd St. North of Market, announces the following Lenten program:

WEDNESDAYS

Noon-Hour Services and Sermons—12:30-12:55 p.m.

Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22nd)—The Rt. Rev. Theodore R. Ludlow, of Newark.

Wed., March 1st—The Rt. Rev. J. Thomas Heistand, of Harrisburg.

Wed., March 8th—The Rev. E. Felix Kloman, of Washington.

Wed., March 15th—The Rt. Rev. Harold E. Sawyer, of Erie.

Wed., March 22nd—The Rt. Rev. Alfred L. Banyard, of New Jersey.

Wed., March 29th—The Rt. Rev. Arthur R. McKinstry, of Delaware.

(Luncheon served before and after these Wednesday services).

OTHER WEEK-DAYS IN LENT (EXCEPT HOLY WEEK)

Mondays—Noon-Hour Service and Sermon 12:30-12:55 p.m.—The Rev. Robert M. Baur.

Tuesdays—Hymns, Sermon and Holy Communion—12 noon—Mr. Baur.

Thursdays—Hymns, Sermon and Holy Communion—12 noon—The Rev. William H. Jefferys. Supper—6 p.m., Discussion—7 p.m., Litany—8 p.m., Mr. Baur

Fridays—Noon-Hour Service and Sermon—12:30-12:55 p.m.—Mr. Jefferys.

HOLY WEEK

Monday thru Thursday (April 3rd thru 6th) Noon-Hour Service and Sermon—12:30-12:55 p.m.—The Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach.

Maundy Thursday—6:00 p.m.—Passover Supper. 8:00 p.m.—Holy Communion—Mr. Baur.

Good Friday — Three-Hour Service — 12-3 p.m.—The Rt. Rev. J. Gillespie Armstrong.

Easter Day—8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.—Mr. Baur.

GLORIA DEI (OLD SWEDES) CHURCH

Services are held at Gloria Dei Church, Delaware Avenue and Christian Street, from 12:30 to 12:55 (Monday to Friday). Business people and friends throughout the community are urged to attend. Speakers will be as follows:

Feb. 22—Rev. John Craig Roak, Rector
Feb. 23—Rev. Allen Evans, St. Peter's
Feb. 24—Rev. George E. Condit, St. Matthias
Feb. 27—Rev. Frederic R. Murray, St. Paul's, Elkins Park
Feb. 28—Rev. James Mills, Zion
Mar. 1—Very Rev. Arthur Murray, Resurrection
Mar. 2—Rev. B. Janney Rudderow, Trinity Memorial
Mar. 3—Rev. J. Wesley Twelves, Epiphany, Germantown
Mar. 6—Rev. Vernon Matthews, St. Peter's, Broomall
Mar. 7—Rev. William P. C. Loane, Christ Church, Ridley Park
Mar. 8—Rev. Frank W. Bonynge, Holy Communion
Mar. 9—Rev. Albert F. Fischer, Jr., St. Mark's, Frankford
Mar. 10—Rev. Albert M. Holloway, Trinity, Oxford
Mar. 13—Rev. Nelson W. Rightmyer, Phila. Divinity School
Mar. 14—Rev. Henry S. Paynter, Editor of CHURCH NEWS
Mar. 15—Rev. L. B. Rasmusson, The Atonement
Mar. 16—Rev. George W. Perkins, Emmanuel
Mar. 17—Rev. D. Wilmot Gateson, The Saviour
Mar. 20—Very Rev. Thomas Parker, St. Paul's Memorial
Mar. 21—Rev. Harry I. Fell, St. Giles', Stonehurst
Mar. 22—Rev. Charles F. Ehly, Incarnation, Drexel Hill
Mar. 23—Rev. Reginald G. Davis, Our Saviour, Jenkintown
Mar. 24—Rev. Edmund B. Wood, St. Timothy's, Roxborough
Mar. 27—Rev. Joseph Tatnall, St. Philip's, Oreland
Mar. 28—Rev. John J. Evans, City Mission
Mar. 29—Rev. Charles H. Long, Sec. of Diocese
Mar. 30—Rev. W. Roulston McKean, St. Matthew's
Mar. 31—Rev. W. Hamilton Aulenbach, Christ and St. Michael's
Apr. 3—Rev. Vincent F. Pottle, Phila. Divinity School
Apr. 4—Rev. G. C. Meckling, St. Stephen's
Apr. 5—Rev. A. W. Mayer, All Saints', Crescentville
Apr. 6—Rev. Percy R. Stockman, D.D., Seamen's Church Institute
Apr. 7—Rev. John Craig Roak, Rector, The Three Hours—12 to 3

CHURCH CONGRESS BOOK FOR LENT

"A Lenten Query Concerning Redemption" by the Rev. James W. Kennedy, rector of Christ Church, Lexington, Kentucky, may be procured from the Church Congress, 233 Clarendon Street, Boston 16, Mass. Price 25 cents.

ENTERTAINMENT AT HARRISON HOME

The ladies of Harrison Home, Episcopal Hospital were delighted by the entertainment given by the children of Disston Recreation Center, Tacony, on Sat., Jan. 7th. The beautiful costumes, graceful toe dancers, precision tap numbers, funny skits, and tuneful songs brought happy smiles to every onlooker, and will provide a lively topic of conversation for a long time to come.

The men and women both enjoyed the technicolor movie, with refreshments, on Jan. 20, presented by the Phila. Electric Co. Sports events for the men, comedy and travel films for everybody comprised a pleasant afternoon for Harrison Folks.

ORDINATION

Bishop Remington advanced to the Priesthood the Rev. Raymond S. Mitchell at St. Cyprian's Mission, 85th Street and Lindburgh Boulevard, on December 17, 1949. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Matthew W. Davis and the sermon was preached by the Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, Dean of the Convocation of West Philadelphia. Mr. Mitchell will continue to serve as vicar of St. Cyprian's.

CHRISTMAS FUND GIFTS

As Bishop Hart recently pointed out, the Christmas Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania can and often does helpful things for the clergy and their families which could not be done without the help of this Fund. Contributions received so far this year include the following:

Holy Apostles & The Mediator	$156.35
Redeemer, Bryn Mawr	151.00
Memorial to late Rev. John E. Hill	55.00
Total	$362.35

CHURCH AGENCIES IN THE COMMUNITY CHEST

Several Church institutions and organizations depend upon the Community Chest of Philadelphia and Vicinity for a very considerable proportion of their financial support. The last "Red Feather" campaign failed by some 9% to reach its goal. Each of the participating agencies has been notified that it must adjust its budget by a 9% reduction. It is hoped that our Church people will hold up the hands of our Church institutions in this time of their need.

PRAYER BOOK PAGEANT

On a recent Sunday two anniversaries were celebrated in the Free Church of St. John, Emerald and Elkhart Streets. At the 11 o'clock service the Prayer Book drama "The Book Beloved" was presented in honor of the 400th anniversary of the Prayer Book. In the afternoon the 85th anniversary of St. John's was observed with a parish dinner. The speakers were Miss D. Milo UpJohn, Supervisor of the Family Service Department of the City Mission and the Rev. William H. Jefferys, St. Luke's Church, Kensington. The picture of the pageant made by Wm. Mantai, a member of the vestry.

ESSAYS ABOUT BISHOPS

The Committee on the Fund for the Episcopate, an organization of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, has sent out an announcement of an essay contest, open to juniors and seniors in high school. Prizes offered are a first prize of $100; two second prizes of $50 each; five third prizes of $10 each. The contest closes April 28, 1950.

The essays will be judged by two professors in the Philadelphia Divinity School, the Rev. Dr. Joseph H. Hall, III, and the Rev. Dr. Edgar C. Young. The topic assigned is "My Favorite Bishop and Why."

Contestants may write on the life and work of any one of the following Anglican bishops: William White, Alonzo Potter, Charles Brent, Charles Gore or William Temple.

The essays must be not less than 2,000 words in length.

The purpose of the contest is to advertise the operation and purposes of the Fund for the Endowment of the Episcopate.

The chairman of the Committee on the Fund is Clarence M. Brown, Esq., lawyer and executive, of 1616 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.

DR. HEUSS TO LECTURE IN PHILADELPHIA

The Rev. John Heuss, Director of the Department of Christian Education of the National Council, who is heading the new and expanded program of the Church in the field of education, is to give a series of lectures at the Philadelphia Divinity School on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., beginning February 8th and continuing until the end of the school year.

Of course these lectures will be primarily for the student body of the seminary; but clergymen, directors of religious education, and other qualified persons may enroll for the course. There will be a registration fee of $1.00 and a tuition fee of $10.00.

This means that the Diocese of Pennsylvania has a greater opportunity than most areas in the Church for training in the new program of Christian Education under the personal instruction of the one man who not only has a grasp on the situation; but also has the magnetic personality to inspire others as he imparts his information.

Those who desire to enroll should contact Dean Gifford at once.

Bishop Hart's Message

LENT

"To become a Christian has never meant merely to adopt a new set of beliefs or even to accept a new standard of conduct. It has always involved at least two things: first, a willingness, in faith and trust, to accept Christ as Lord, and second, to become a member of His Church. The Christian of the New Testament times knew that his life as a follower of Christ was life in the Church. The Church was the society of the New Covenant which Jesus had come to establish."

The above paragraph is taken from the new book on the Holy Scriptures, published by the National Council as Volume I of the official series on the Church's Teaching. It makes it clear that a Christian, in the New Testament sense, means a member of the Christian fellowship—one who shares in its life, bears its burdens, contributes to its well being. I suggest, therefore, that during this Lent you do what seems to you to be the most needed to strengthen your own parish.

What is your average attendance at the Sunday services? Does it amount to sixty percent of your communicant strength? In a parish where the average attendance was less than fifty percent, a young vestryman decided to do something about it during Lent. He secured from the Rector the names of twelve families who were on the parish list but who seldom came to church. The vestryman and his wife called on these families. In some cases they were received cordially. In others, they were not. But the vestryman said at the next vestry meeting, "I have learned from these twelve calls more about the real needs of our parish than I have from my six years of service on the vestry. I am sure I can now do a better job as a vestryman."

Is your Church School reaching all the children in your community that it should reach? If not, will you confer with the Rector and the Church School Superintendent and find out what you can do to help? Have you children of your own in the Church School? If so is the Lenten plan of discipline, study and sacrifice making such an impression on your children that their Lenten Offering is merely the visible measure of their spiritual growth? There is a vast difference in the Church Schools in the diocese. In some, the boys and girls work hard and sacrifice for their Lenten Offering. In others, very little is done. What is done in your parish?

May this be a happy and constructive Lent throughout the diocese.

Faithfully your Bishop,

Oliver J. Hart

The Rev. Harry Ingram Fell, Rector, Bishop Hart, and Dr. Shreiner, former Dean of Convocation of Chester, at St. Giles Church Dinner.

Woman's Auxiliary

MRS. OLIVER J. HART, *Editor*

President's Message

There are certain Diocesan events in the program of the Woman's Auxiliary to which, we hope, all parish and mission branches will give priority in making their own local plans. *First* in point of time and of importance is the Annual Corporate Communion of the Women of the Diocese. The Feast of the Annunciation is the very suitable day chosen for this Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication. This year March 25th falls on Saturday.

Second the Spring Presentation Service of the United Thank Offering will be at 8 o'clock in the evening on Wednesday, May 10th. This is a change from other years; a very wise one we think, to have the evening service in May when there is an extra hour of daylight. The Fall Presentation will be on a morning in November, to be announced later.

Third the date chosen for this year's Annual Meeting is Monday, May 22nd. Please reserve these dates now, so that, barring emergency, no personal or parochial plans shall interfere with your being present at these occasions. Watch the Woman's Auxiliary Calendar and this page, for details of these days and remember, "Their success depends on you!"

We hope that every branch has read carefully the letter from Mrs. Sherman, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary, and is using profitably the accompanying program for January, which we have mailed to you. In due time this program will be followed by two others for use in February and March, respectively. Read carefully Mrs. Hill's article (elsewhere on this page) on "The Church's Work at Home," the subject chosen for use in February. To adequately support an Advance Program the Church must be intelligently informed concerning our opportunity in the world of to-day. These programs of which I speak are designed to spread such information through the women of the Church.

The Pennsylvania Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary has always gladly done its share to help the Diocese stand well in the lead in advancing the mission of Church at home and overseas. Thus we may know "the glory of our opportunity as members of His Holy Fellowship."

ELIZABETH C. BEATH

Did You Know?

That the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was organized in 1872 by act of General Convention?

That in 1920 it became Auxiliary to the National Council and broadened its interests and activities to include the whole mission of the Church?

That the hope expressed in its founding was that there should be a branch in every parish and mission throughout the Church?

That the Diocese of Pennsylvania has not, even after 75 years, fulfilled that hope?

That the purpose of the Diocesan Board through the Departments is to assist parish and mission branches?

That the Department of Promotion stands ready when called upon to assist and counsel with rectors or women of any Parish or Mission in forming a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary?

The Church's Work at Home

There is a chair in the chancel of our Parish Churches, used only when the Bishop comes, but which each Sunday gives us a living message. It reminds us that we are not independent parishes, free to do as we please, but members of a Church governed by Bishops, and of the world wide Anglican Communion.

If we are cooperative members, we became in January more intelligent about and, therefore, more interested in the Overseas work of our Church and quite naturally are asking what about the Home Field? Is it less important than Overseas or, is it more adequately manned? The answer to both questions is an emphatic "NO." In many respects it is our most difficult field, and as we look across our country, or about our Diocese, we become aware of its importance. A Christian America is needed in the world of to-day as never before.

The Home Department of our National Council is responsible for missionary work in twenty Dioceses and thirteen Missionary Districts all in Continental U.S.A., for the American Church Institute for Negroes, for the work in our Colleges and in the Armed Forces Division. It touches Americans of all races and many nationalities living in cities, towns, villages and on lonely farms. Its ministry is alike to baptized members of our Church and equally to those in need of the Church.

Its problem is you and me. Only as we pray, and mean it with all our hearts, "Lord revive thy Church beginning with me" can the Home Department of our National Council go forward in strength to make Christ known in the high-ways and by-ways of our great country. WHEN WILL YOU BEGIN?

Important!

President's Meeting Tuesday evening, January 31st at 7:30 P.M. in the Church House.

ELIZABETH C. BEATH

World Day of Prayer

Friday, February 24th—You are invited to join with all peoples in a fellowship of prayer, on the first Friday in Lent.

Millions of people in ninety countries are already hushed in expectation of the closer Presence of God as they await the annual call to United Prayer throughout the world. On this day, an ever-increasing throng joins the globe-encircling bond. Physically hemmed in by national boundaries, racial walls, and more than 60 language veils, never the less we are not divided. We are one—not by a flag, but by the cross of Christ.

Some will pray who cannot read, some will pray who are not fed, some will pray shivering in rags, and some in luxury and comfort. All will pray for a better life, for their children, and for relief from life-destroying war; for a firmer faith in God and for His Kingdom to come on earth.

The chain of prayer that starts another year of daily intercessions begins on this day with prayers of Figian Christians. Leaping from island to island, from continent to continent, it passes through national and racial walls catching up identical prayers and scriptures until it reaches the meridian where fur-wrapped Eskimos and sarong clad Tongano close the day with praise to the God Eternal, "who is ever more ready to hear than we to pray."

The author of the 1950 Service of Worship is Michi Kawai of Japan. Born in the village of Makido of a

Shinto priest father and a remarkaure mother; Michi early in life became a follower of Jesus Christ. She was graduated from Bryn Mawr College in 1904, and on her return to Japan helped to found the National Y.W. C.A. in her country and was its General Secretary. In 1929 Miss Kawai founded a Christian School for girls in the outskirts of Tokyo. A wise Christian educator, she remains the guiding inspiring genius of this center of youth, which sparkles with hope for a Christian Japan.

A Japanese Christian also painted the poster for the World Day of Prayer. The artist, Tai Kai Sadakata, gave up wealth and worldly fame to dedicate his life to prayer and to put on canvas a winsome Christ.

"The Daily Prayer for 1950" was written by Dr. Georgia Harkness, noted theologian, teacher and poet. The theme is: Faith for our Time.

Let us all remember to do our part and support World Day of Prayer, February 24th. The Chairman for the observance of this day in the Philadelphia area and vicinity which is under the auspices of the Philadelphia Council of Churches, is our own Mrs. William H. Jefferys.

"O Holy Redeemer, may we who call ourselves Christians be held to this high moment of prayer the whole year through. Amen."

THE RECTORY CLUB

The Winter Meeting of the Rectory Club will be held in the New Century Club, 124 S. Twelfth Street, on Tuesday, February 14th, at 12:30 o'clock.

NEW WORK FOR MRS. CHAPMAN

Appointment of Mrs. Alfred Madison Chapman, of Washington Crossing, Pa., formerly of New York City, to chairmanship in the United Council of Church Women, was announced recently by Mrs. Harper Sibley, Council president. The United Council represents 10,000,000 church women of 83 Protestant denominations across the country. Mrs. Chapman, who has been active in Episcopalian and interdenominational groups, will head the United Council's Christian World Relations Department, formerly led by Miss Helen Kittredge.

A member of the National Council of the Episcopal Church, Mrs. Chapman was assistant presiding officer at the church's Triennial meeting in San Francisco last September, has served as parliamentarian for the women of her church at two Triennial meetings and for the United Council's National Assembly in Milwaukee in 1948. In 1947 she was the first chairman of the National Executive Board of the Episcopal Woman's Auxiliary ever re-elected to a second term.

Confirmed at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in New York in 1929, Mrs. Chapman was a vice-president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church in that diocese from 1932 to 1941, also served as chairman of the women's group of the New York Federation of Churches.

In Bucks County, Pa., she has been active in the D.A.R., the P.T.A., the League of Women Voters and other civic organizations. She has a law degree from Dickinson School of Law, in Pennsylvania.

LECTURE ON STAINED GLASS

The National Cathedral Association, South-Eastern District is sponsoring an illustrated lecture on Stained Glass of the Cathedral by the Very Reverend John W. Suter, Dean of Washington Cathedral, on February 15th at 8 P.M. in the auditorium of the Museum of the University of Pennsylvania, Spruce St. and 34th. The lecture is open to the public, with no admission charge, and a cordial invitation is extended to all the parishes in the Diocese to welcome Dean Suter on his visit to Philadelphia.

CHURCHWOMAN'S CLUB

Swinging into the second half of its current season, the January program, in addition to the regular Tuesday meetings, provided two social activities—an evening card party on January 24th, and an afternoon dessert bridge on January 25th. The popularity of these affairs, timed to accommodate both the afternoon and evening visitors to the Club, will undoubtedly result in similar "get-togethers" during the spring months.

Being a comparatively short month, and moving rapidly toward the Lenten season, February is usually crowded with varied entertainment. Following the usual Tuesday teas at 4.00 P.M., with supper at 6.00, the evening programs at 7.15 will present a song recital on February 7th, by Miss Margery Pearce with Mrs. Mildred Baily at the piano; on February 14th, Mr. George S. Cox will mystify with "Tricks of Magic"; and a different and strictly feminine kind of magic will be portrayed on February 21st, when Mrs. Millicent Thomas will discuss "Ladies' Headdresses." The last meeting of the month, February 28th, will feature Rev. John Robbins Hart, Ph.D., an eminent psychologist and rector of the Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge.

PLANS FOR PENN WYNNE

The Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator, 51st & Spruce Streets, has recognized the need for an Episcopal church and parish house in the community of Penn Wynne, west of City Line and South of Haverford Road, in Lower Merion Township. A thorough canvass of the neighborhood has been made by some laymen and women, and about fifty Church families have been located and some sixty prospective students for a church school.

The vestry of the parish and the rector, the Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, have purchased approximately two acres of ground at Remington and Dover Roads, adjacent to Lower Merion Park. A church and parish house are planned for the site. The parish house will be the first unit. Construction will begin in February, 1950. Architects sketch reproduced herewith, shows the parish house to be of Gothic design, constructed of stone, with slate roof, and metal window frames. The building will include class rooms, nursery, office, and multi-purpose Sunday School room 30 x 90 ft. When completed the plant will be operated as a Chapel of the Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator.

Department of Christian Education

The Parish Program
February

For Everyone—The Church's Work—"At Home." (2nd phase of "One World in Christ" campaign. Sermons, study groups, articles in Parish paper, speakers, etc.

Parent-Teacher Groups—Continue study of "Bridging Some Gaps in Our Present Programs of Christian Education."

Teachers—Preparation for Lenten Study theme—"Japan."

Family Study Program—Lenten study unit—"Consider the Bible."

Youth Fellowship—"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God . . . and with all thy mind." Study "The Church's Work At Home." Participate in parish program of "One World in Christ" campaign. Personally distribute literature. Urge Young People to bring their parents to Family Study Program.

Church School—Plan talks for Worship Service on theme "One World in Christ." Prepare for coming of Lent—its meaning—and the Presentation of the Lenten Boxes.

Scholarships Available

Bishop Hart has stated that scholarships to cover the tuition for Dr. Heuss' Post-Graduate course at P.D.S. on Christian Education are available. Dean Gifford requests that registrations for the class be in by Feb. 1st. Send in your registration at once—registrations must be limited. This is an unusual opportunity for the clergy and directors of this diocese. Heed the knock!!

Schedule—Wednesdays 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.—Starting February 8, 1950.

Adult Education

The Lenten study unit in the Family Study program is entitled "Consider the Bible" and is based on "The Holy Scriptures"—the first of The Church's Teaching Series.

"The Holy Scriptures," the first volume in "The Church's Teaching Series," is now available in Room 30 at $1.50. It is designed to give basic content teaching about the Bible on the adult level. Every family in every parish and mission should be urged to have a copy as the beginning of a home library of the Church's teaching.

Every adult in the Church, as part of his Lenten discipline, should be a member of one, or more, study groups.

The Presiding Bishop's book for Lent "The Atoning Life" by Henry Sylvester Nash should be read by every Churchman. It can also be used as a basis for a Lenten study group.

Church School-by-Mail

The Church School-by-Mail ministers to those children in rural districts of the diocese unable to attend Church or Church School because of lack of transportation, sickness or the absence of any Church School in their community. In addition to regular Church School lessons, these families are encouraged to cultivate the habit of Family Prayer and Bible reading and to attend the nearest Church School and Church as soon as possible.

Each fall and spring families are visited and neighborhoods canvassed for new children. During last fall's canvass 49 children were located in Chester County alone. The total enrollment is now 285 and the response to the lessons is most encouraging. There have been in the neighborhood of 13 Baptisms during the year and 31 children who were with us are now attending a Church School.

The Woman's Auxiliary of Christ Church, Media, and the Beta Chapter of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator were our much appreciated volunteers to wrap and mail the Christmas gifts which were sent to the families.

This school has been in existence since 1936, and during that time over a thousand unchurched children have been enrolled in our classes and received Christian teaching. The work is kept up by $3.50 scholarships given by Church Schools, Woman's Auxiliary Branches, individuals and other organizations of the Diocese.

To Know The Christ — U M C Y — *To Make Him Known*

Reminders

January 29-February 5— United Youth Week (Inter-Church)

Friday, February 3rd—"Vocational Christianity." Watch and listen for announcements in your own High School and at Penn, Temple and Drexel.

Put this on your Calendar—Diocesan Youth Convention—*May 13th*—Episcopal Academy

PRESENTATION OF THE LENTEN OFFERING

June 11, 1950—4:00 P.M.

EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

Our Church Schools Are Thanked

From Alaska and Liberia come letters of appreciation for the hundreds of lovely gifts sent by the Church Schools of our diocese. As early as last May gifts were assembled and started on their long journeys. Just a few days before Christmas a letter from Liberia informed us of the arrival of the last of the boxes. When this letter arrived we drew a deep breath of thanksgiving—we knew then that every one of the boxes destined for both Alaska and Liberia had been received and that thru their contents we were bringing joy to more than one thousand youngsters and young people in those far away missions and schools of our Church. The Rev. Hugh F. Hall, Alaska, writes: "The carton of gifts for the children at the Wrangell Institute arrived safely. This is the finest Christmas box we have ever received and the selection of gifts is excellent and everything was packed so nicely. Thank you for your part in bringing a Happy Christmas to these children and may you have a joyous and blessed Christmas."

Mrs. Lorin Blodget, Diocesan Christmas Box Secretary, must have had a joyous Christmas for to her goes the credit as she did the work of channeling thousands of Christmas gifts from our parishes, not only to Alaska and Japan, but also to the many institutions and missions in the diocese.

THE BISHOP'S VISITATION

The visitation of a Bishop of the Diocese is the outward sign of the historic continuity of the Church to which we belong back to the beginning of Christianity. The Bishops are truly the direct link in the Church's spiritual sphere with our Blessed Lord, who established the Kingdom of God on earth to be the means of continual contact with God through the life of prayer, worship and Sacraments. It is no mere choice of words at the beginning of the Confirmation Office to address the Bishop as "Reverend Father in God," but it is to the intent that we may regard him in the relationship of a father who in our Lord's plan of the Church's ministry shall act indeed as a spiritual chief father in God to all parishes and their members in a Diocese.

In the Diocese

HENRY STUART PAYNTER, *Editor*

On Christmas eve from 11:25 until midnight, the carol service at Old Christ Church was broadcast over 17 stations of the Columbia Broadcasting System. A group of Norwegian seamen under chaplain Trygve Woxen attended a special Christmas service on the day after Christmas in Christ Church, followed by a Christmas party in the Neighborhood House.

At St. James Church, Perkiomen, a committee has been appointed to explore the possibilities of celebrating in 1950 the 250th anniversary of the beginnings of this parish.

The official magazine of the Diocese of South Carolina carried on its Christmas issue the cover picture from THE CHURCH NEWS last year. It was the reproduction of Mother and Child portrait by Helen Lowden Evans, which hangs in a chapel at the Church of the Incarnation, Drexel Hill.

"A Contract between your Lord and you" is the title of the pledge card used at Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown.

A set of organ chimes in loving memory of L. Gertrude Fryburg was dedicated at the Church of the Holy Sacrament, Highland Park, on Christmas Day.

At the request of Dean Gifford, Mrs. U. Grant Beath, President of the Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary, recently addressed the students of the Philadelphia Divinity School on the work of women in the life of the Church.

Some 25 persons from Zion Church, Broad Street and Wyoming Avenue, joined with representatives of other churches in Logan in making a religious survey of the community.

Under the will of the late Mrs. Florence K. Ives, St. Paul's Church, Chester has been left a sum of money to be placed in trust as a perpetual memorial. The income, which will amount to about Nine Hundred Dollars a year, may be used towards the current expenses of the parish. There was also a grant of $1,000 from the same source to be used at the discretion of the rector and wardens to help a young man of this parish who desires to study for the ministry.

An oil burner has recently been installed in the furnace at Emmanuel Mission, Quakertown.

The Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester mourns the loss of Mrs. Anna Aldworth, who for many years wrote reports of the services of the Church for the local newspapers. She was also an active member of the parish Auxiliary.

The December issue of *Country Gentleman* carried on its cover a reproduction in color of the Nativity scene from a sanctuary window in St. Paul's Church, Doylestown. A Philadelphia corporation, in turn, reproduced it on a Christmas card carrying greetings in many different languages, sent to all corners of the world.

Bishop Hart recently addressed the Reserve Chaplain's Corps at the Naval Base in Philadelphia on "The Place of Religion in the National Security."

Mr. John G. Hardwick, a candidate for Holy Orders from the Church of the Advocate, 18th & Diamond Streets, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa on the basis of his scholastic standing at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., at the end of his Junior year.

A daughter was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Tatnall, of Oreland, on December 21st. Her name is Jane Nicola.

A new lectern bible has recently been presented to Emmanuel Mission, Quakertown, in loving memory of Samuel W. and Reba E. Landis. A new white burse and veil for the Communion service were dedicated on Christmas Eve.

Two hundred and fifty persons over 65 years of age attended a special service of Evensong in St. Peter's Church, 3rd & Pine Streets recently, under the auspices of the Golden Age Clubs of Philadelphia.

The Rev. William J. Alberts, rector of Christ Church, Media is writing a column for the *Media News* under the general title of "Purely Parsonal."

A new roof on the rectory of St. James Church, Kingsessing has been made possible by the gift of a check for $1200 from one of the families of the parish in the name of a member of the family who recently died.

When the local electric power failed on a recent Sunday the Church of the Holy Trinity, Lansdale "Messenger" comments: "No light, no heat, no organ for services; but we managed very well. Just a hint of what our ancestors experienced. Electric service was restored after services were concluded."

At St. Luke's Church, Kensington, over $120 has been given by the choir and members of the congregation for the purchase of new hymnals. Nearly every pew hymnal is a memorial to some beloved departed person.

The widening of West Chester Pike in the spring is expected to affect the property of the Church of the Holy Sacrament, Highland Park. The project will move the building line back 30 feet and will necessitate the demolition of the rectory and a change in the front entrance to the church. Lawyers have been retained to protect the financial interests of the parish, and an architect has been engaged to study the matter of physical improvements.

Fifty Dollars, representing profits from the Tract Case Sales has been sent to the Order of the Holy Cross for its Liberian Mission, and Twenty-five Dollars from the shrine of Our Lady of Clemency has been sent to the Bishop Kemper Missionary Society of Nashotah House from St. Clement's Church.

Two beautiful stoles, red and violet, have been presented to St. Ambrose Mission, Howard and Ontario Streets, by the Altar Guild of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Calvary Church Germantown, will conduct a Pre-Lenten Evangelistic Visitation throughout the parish in the interest of arousing among the people a greater loyalty and a deepening sense of a need of God.

St. Peter's Historical Society has been founded for the purpose of collecting and collating all data, books, maps, photographs, prints, etc., connected directly or indirectly with the history of St. Peter's Church, 3d & Pine Streets.

The pageant "A Feast of Lights," written by Bishop Remington, was presented on the First Sunday after the Epiphany at the Prince of Peace Chapel, 22d & Morris Streets.

Christ Church, and 2nd St. north of Market, will be the setting on the first Wednesday of each month, February through May, of an Organ Recital by Mr. Francis J. Murphy, assisted by outstanding choruses. The dates are as follows: Feb. 1st— Chorus to be announced; March 1st— Phila. National Bank Chorus; April 5th— Federal Reserve Bank Chorus; May 3rd— Massed Choral Festival. The recitals begin at 5 p.m.

Mr. Melvin B. Goodwin, for 22 years organist at St. Ambrose Mission, Howard and Ontario Streets, has become organist at St. Andrew's Church, Bridgeton, N. J. He is succeeded at St. Ambrose by Mr. Ralph Edwards.

A new youth group has been organized at the Chapel of the Prince of Peace, 22d and Morris Streets, for boys and girls between 12 and 15 years of age. Meetings are held at the rectory, under the Miss Elizabeth Cragg as advisor.

A three day Institute of Prayer was held in St. Stephen's Church, 10th Street above Chestnut by Gelen Clark and Rebecca Beard, January 13-15.

Benjamin Franklin's birthday was appropriately celebrated at old Christ Church on Sunday, January 15th, when Benjamin Franklin Post of the American Legion attended services.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Vincent, widow of the Rev. H. G. G. Vincent, former rector of The House of Prayer, Branchtown, died in the Episcopal Hospital on January 7, after a long illness, at the age of 77. She was buried on January 11.

An altar and an altar cross for the Sunday School Building were dedicated at Christmas time at the Chapel of the Holy Communion, the gifts of teachers and members and friends of the Sunday School in loving memory of the late Mrs. Frank Bonynge and the late Deaconess Bispham.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Vestries and Rectors are reminded that they are required by Canon to have their Parochial Reports in the hands of the Bishop by *February first.*

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CHURCH NEWS SHOP TALK

At a conference of Diocesan Magazine Editors recently held at Seabury House, we were again told that the major problem is that of circulation. The staff has no way of increasing subscriptions without the cooperation of the clergy, vestrymen, and officers of parish organizations. We have learned from experience that where such help is given our subscription problem is met satisfactorily. We are eager to have a copy of THE CHURCH NEWS in the home of every Church family. We could double our circulation at once if we might have the assistance we need on the parish level throughout the Diocese. You, dear reader, can help us towards our goal if you will kindly take the trouble to see that your parish or mission is adequately covered by subscriptions.

Sometimes the vestry pays for subscriptions for all the families. When this is done, we accept such parish lists at the nominal cost of 50 cents per subscription. We place the individual names on our mailing list, and each issue is delivered individually by mail to the homes of the people. In many instances some organization solicits subscriptions at $1.00 per year, retaining 50% as commission; thus making money for the treasury of the organization. To benefit by this arrangement the number of such subscriptions submitted on the list must be 25 or more. It is possible to do at least this much in any parish or mission. For instance, we have recently had renewals of such "club subscriptions" from Prince of Peace Chapel, St. Matthew's Church, Advent, Kennett Square, St. John the Evangelist, Lansdowne, St. John's, Compass, St. Alban's, Newtown Square, St. Thomas, Whitemarsh, St. Barnabas, Haddington. We are also glad to report that we have just received new subscription lists from St. Andrew's Mission, Somerton and our Saviour, Jenkintown.

We always welcome brief news items and newsy pictures for publication in our pages, and ask that the sending of such items and photographs be timed to meet the necessary "dead line." All news and advertising must be received by the first of the month preceding the date of issue. To be included in the April number, we must have the copy by March 1st.

Speaking of advertising, as we must occasionally, we should like to have our readers consider the importance of this department to the continued success of THE CHURCH NEWS. It helps very substantially to pay our bills. It also affords an opportunity for anyone who has goods or services to sell to Church people to reach our readers, all of whom may be potential customers. One of our most consistent advertisers says "THE CHURCH NEWS is our best advertising medium." It is a good medium because it is read from cover to cover in thousands of homes in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, which includes Philadelphia and the four surrounding counties. For rates, or any other information, telephone SPruce 4-6650 or write to us at 202 W. Rittenhouse Square.

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

I was surprised at a question put to me not so long ago regarding what is the chief reason for the observance of Sunday and the necessity of attendance at Church. It was the old query about being able to be just as good by saying prayers at home, especially in the light of presuming that there are as many good people who do not go to Church as those who do go. I tried to explain that worship was approach to God. That God has established one day in seven as a time of refreshment, spiritual as well as physical. That it is true, private devotions at home can be true worship, but unless it is auxiliary to public worship in God's House, it is a selfish thing. God has placed us in family life and the Church Congregation is a large family in the whole brotherhood of man. God also gave us His Son to be our Saviour and we are saved in every sense and meaning of eternal salvation in and through the Incarnate Christ. All the benefits and blessings of the Incarnation—the atoning sacrifice on Calvary, the Resurrection from the Dead, Eternal life in heaven, all flow into our beings in the Sacraments besides all the other spiritual graces and gifts of God to our souls, normally gotten in God's House. In the Old Testament days, God promised his Presence in the Shekinah, but He gives his Presence and Life in the Person of Christ, who comes to his Altar Throne. Therefore, we are duty bound to offer God our love and worship and adoration on the Lord's Day and if possible at the Lord's own Service, the Eucharist.

CLOTHES FOR CITY MISSION

The members of the Mother's Guild of St. Ambrose Mission, Howard and Ontario Streets, are shown here in front of tables containing warm coats and shoes in good repair which were given to the City Mission. Members (from left to right) are: Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Marian, Mrs. Bauer, Miss Hart, Mrs. Drake (chairman), Mrs. Sibley, Mrs. Drumm.

SOMETHING FOR THE MEN

Laymen Back Church's Program

The Rev. Arnold M. Lewis, executive director of the Presiding Bishop's Committee on Laymen's Work, said that it is too early to make any real report on the visits of trained laymen to vestries all through the Church. The presentations to vestries got well under way immediately after January 1, and in the course of time there will be sufficient information to justify a report. A few presentations to vestries were made earlier, and the reports on them are unanimous in saying that the vestrymen heard the presentations with real enthusiasm and that there were many expressions of determination to back up the Church's program for 1950 in all possible ways.

SERMONS FOR LAY READERS

The resolution adopted by the House of Bishops on October 5, 1949, and immediately concurred in by the House of Deputies upon its receipt, speaks for itself:

Resolved, That the General Convention express its sense of the far-reaching importance of the work of the large number of lay readers now licensed in our Church, and gratitude for their faithful and devoted service, and further that it commend to the Church the value of making full and effective use of this kind of lay ministry.

The report of the Lay Readers' Sermon Service to the Presiding Bishop's Committee on Laymen's Work by the Associate Director, the Rev. Newell D. Lindner, paid tribute to the large body of consecrated laymen in the Church who give generously of their time and effort as lay readers. Were it not for their devotion to their Church, untold numbers of our people would be denied the privilege of hearing God's word preached in their parishes and missions.

Of untold value to the lay readers is the Lay Readers' Sermon Service. In excess of 1,500 sets of sermons are distributed each month. Mr. Lindner expressed the appreciation of the Committee to the clergy, who, upon invitation, prepare these sermons.

LAYMEN PLAN FOR DAYS AHEAD

At its triennial meeting in San Francisco, the Presiding Bishop's Committee on Laymen's Work took a long view into the future. Recognizing that the laymen's movement is now Church-wide and that it is meeting a very real need in the life of the Church and gives every assurance of permanence, one fact was admitted honestly. Functionally, laymen's work is in an unbalanced condition at the present time. Some provinces and dioceses have attained a high degree of program and results. Others are in the formative stage and a few have not yet aligned themselves with this movement.

In order to bring laymen's work to a semblance of balance, it was decided that the major emphasis during this triennium will be concerned in extending laymen's work to areas where it is needed and desired. In addition, thought will be given to changes in policy, looking toward a permanent movement in the Church. The program for the triennium emphasizes evangelism and urges parishes and dioceses already functioning to give their assistance to those now formulating a laymen's program.

The Place of Laymen in the Episcopal Church

Editor's Note—This article on confirmation is the second of a series dealing with the place of the Layman in the Church. Watch for others in subsequent issues.

To most laymen the fact that ours is an Episcopal Church is impressively brought to their attention at the time of their Confirmation. While we are made members of the Church in Baptism, the rite of Confirmation is necessary to complete Baptism and admit one to the full privileges of communicant membership. As Confirmation is administered only by the Bishop, this service assures a direct and personal contact between the individual layman and the Bishop which is most impressive and significant.

Who can forget the day of his Confirmation? It is an occasion of great solemnity, when the church is filled with friends of those who are being confirmed and with large numbers of those who are recalling the time of their own confirmation. Minister and congregation and candidates are in earnest supplication. The Bishop, who has been divinely commisioned to bless men in the name of the Lord, lays his hands upon the head of each candidate and says:

"Defend, O Lord, this thy child with thy heavenly grace; that he may continue thine forever; and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until he come unto thine everlasting kingdom."

Such a solemn rite should be approached with seriousness and entered into only after due preparation. The law of the church requires that the Bishop shall notify the minister of his intention to visit any church, and that the minister shall announce the fact to the congregation on the first Sunday after the receipt of such notice. This notice is really a challenge to the laymen of the congregation to recruit a class for Confirmation. Christian parents who have children arriving at a suitable age will want to encourage their children to attend instructions, and sponsors will take heed to the promise they made at the Baptism of their God-child that he shall be brought to the Bishop to be confirmed, so soon as he has been sufficiently instructed. Loyal laymen will feel that they all may serve the Church by seeking out unconfirmed persons whom they can persuade to undergo instruction. We know a faithful layman who always considers himself derelict in his duty if he does not bring at least one person to the Confirmation class each year. He frequently brings several. Here is a man who has the real spirit of a Sponsor in the Church, even though he may not be the God-father of those whom he brings.

The canon law of the Church relating to the duties of Ministers requires that they are to be diligent in instructing children in the catechism; that they shall inform the youth and others in the doctrines, polity, history, and liturgy of the Church; and that it shall be their duty to prepare young persons and others for Confirmation. The teaching function of the ministry is emphasized by the requirement of particular instruction for Confirmation, although it does not begin in such specific preparation, nor does it end there. The intention and purpose of the Church is that her laymen should be informed, as well as devout Churchmen.

This Church of ours has a rich heritage of truth, and it is her aim and purpose to have not only an educated ministry, but also an intelligent laity. We are sometimes criticized because we seem to be lacking in emotional fervor; but our Church is wise in stressing the importance of having a reason for the hope that is in us.

RETREATS FOR LAYMEN

The manner in which thousands of Americans are turning in ever-increasing numbers to religious retreats is called "a spiritual phenomenon of the first order" by the Rev. W. Robert Hampshire, rector of St. Thomas' Episcopal church in Farmingdale, N.Y.

In a signed article featured in the January *American Magazine,* Mr. Hampshire, who is chairman of the retreat committee of the American Church Union, discusses the growing interest in retreats conducted by a good many different religious denominations. Retreats are now conducted in every state, he says, and adds:—"In all probability not fewer than 200,000 Americans now retire into monastic silence, prayer, and meditation for at least two days a year.

"The world has never seen anything quite like the present spontaneous desire on the part of so many men and women to seek days of voluntary seclusion with God."

"Thousands of Americans are finding that the great religious retreat movement is bringing them peace as individuals. Whether or not it also can bring enduring peace to the world remains to be seen, but it is one of the brightest and most hopeful features of our tragic century."

DINNER REPLACES BAZAAR

At the Annual Meeting of the Congregation of the Church of St. Giles, Stonehurst, held in January 1949, Mr. Andrew T. Brown, Rector's Warden Emeritus, suggested to the members of the Congregation that the Church sponsor an annual subscription Dinner to replace the Bazaar and Fair which had been held for five years.

Mr. Brown did not live to see his plan completed, having departed this life in July. The members of St. Giles went foward with the program and named the Dinner the Andrew T. Brown Memorial Dinner which was held in December. Mr. J. Wesley Rhoades was Chairman of the Dinner Committee, composed of about twenty persons. In accordance with the original plan, the subscription for the dinner was $10.00 per person. The Choir of St. Giles Church provided the entertainment composed of semi-classical selections and a Christmas tableau. In between the audience participated in a quiz contest.

The guests of honor included the Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, S.T.D. and Mrs. Hart, The Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Shreiner, Miss Frances Brown, Mr. Ernest Brown, and Mr. Herbert Brown, daughter and brothers of Mr. Andrew T. Brown. The net profit from the Dinner was about $800.00. Bishop Hart and Dr. Shreiner spoke of Mr. Brown's work for the Diocese and the Convocation of Chester.

LOCATING DISPLACED PERSONS

The President of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont, Mrs. Jacob Stair, Jr., took to heart the matter of finding a home and occupation for a Displaced Person with the following result: she and her husband prepared a home in their garage apartment and with the aid of the Rector secured the vacancy in the parish sexton's job. In October Mr. and Mrs. Karl Ritums and their five-year-old daughter, Latvians, arrived from a Displaced Persons Camp in Germany where they had taken refuge from both the German and Russian armies. In Latvia, Mr. Ritums had been a law student and upon seeking refuge from the Russians he had to take work on the railroads in Germany (forced labor). Both parents speak English and the child has been entered happily in the Bryn Mawr School. They have adjusted themselves very well to their new surroundings and are a joy both to the Stair family and to the whole parish. Plans are being evolved whereby Mr. Ritums may continue his studies in the law or other professional occupation. Not being satisfied with this accomplishment Mrs. Stair became interested immediately in Mr. Ritums' parents and his younger sister, who were left behind in the camp. She found occupation for the father and homes for them all. Papers have been drawn and filed and all look forward to a happy reunion of this entire family.

CHAPLAIN URBAN HOLDS BAPTISM IN ALASKA

Pictured herewith is Chaplain Charles H. Urban, holding a baby said to be the first white baby to be baptized by one of our clergy, while he was stationed at Adak, in the Aleutian Islands. The baby's name is Janice Ann Hagen. Chaplain Urban, who was for some time rector of St. Barnabas Church, 64th & Haverford Avenue, may be addressed at Port of Whittier, Seattle, Washington. The following citation was written by his commanding officer in the Aleutians: "Chaplain Urban has displayed a commendable devotion to duty. He has striven to promote religion, morals and morale among members of this command. In addition he is a sincere friend and confidant to all personnel. Chaplain Urban's services are a great benefit to the service."—William J. Stover, Lt. Col., FA, Commanding.

TUDOR AND VICTORIAN MUSIC

By FRANK C. HAENLE

Music, like architecture, undergoes certain changes in style and form from one period to another. The music of the church is no exception in this respect.

Over a century before Bach and Handel, Palestrina (1514-1594) and De Lasso (1520-1594) restored the music of the church to a high artistic level from which it had fallen because of the rise of street and operatic tunes of the day. A style was used which was unlike any outside of the church and which might be termed Ecclesiastical.

Bach and Handel built upon the foundation erected by these two great Masters, their predecessors in the contrapuntal style, which they later developed to such a degree as we find in their Oratorios and other works.

During this same period of Palestrina in Italy, England furnished church composers of a very high order, a period which we now speak of as the Tudor Period; Byrd (1538-1623), Tallis (1520-1585), Gibbons (1583-1625), Purcell (1658-1695) and others. The music of this period is now being revived, rearranged and used whenever the choir equipment is capable of presenting it, and is considered today as representative of the best type of church music.

Later on, in England, we come to another style exemplified by such composers as Stainer, Barnby, Garrett, Dykes, Sullivan and others, whose music has been used extensively by choirs in England and America for the last fifty years. These composers also furnished some of our best examples of hymnody.

In America, during this same period, Protestant Evangelical churches were largely dependent upon quartet choirs which called for a different type of church music, and was best represented by the American composers, Dudley Buck, Arthur Foote, George Chadwick, Arthur Whiting, R. Huntington Woodman, and others. The music of the English composers while more ecclesiastical in style than that of our American composers, and largely written for choruses, mostly boy choirs, not being as well suited to four solo voices. During this period, now frequently spoken of as the Victorian period, much music of a sentimental nature, written by lesser American composers than those mentioned, was sung by quartet and volunteer chorus choirs throughout America. This music cannot properly be considered church music in the strict sense of the word, as much of it is no different in style from the so-called secular music, and only needs secular texts to make it more so.

Architecture throughout this Victorian period had much of a gym-crack nature, but is happily returning again in many of our towns and city suburbs, to the Colonial and English type of homes.

As the architecture of the church is getting away from the drawing room and concert auditorium type of building, back to the more churchly Gothic type, so the church is looking to the Tudor period for the best examples of strictly church music and to the great composers Bach, Handel and Haydn, whose works are ever old and ever new, and which throughout the changes of style affecting the so-called anthem form, have never lost their repute and popularity. The best modern composers of religious music of today have a style with a flavor of the Tudor period. Their compositions are more churchly or ecclesiastical in style than many of the popular anthems of the Victorian period; that sugary and sweetly sentimental style, so prevalent in much of the music of our lesser American composers, which has had such a vogue in Protestant Evangelical churches, not being in evidence.

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A corporate communion service will be held Ash Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. in the Academy's chapel. Breakfast will be served to friends, parents, students, faculty and alumni immediately afterwards.

Mr. Roger S. Firestone, of Bryn Mawr, was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Academy at their monthly meeting January 4, 1950. Mr. Firestone is the father of two boys now attending Episcopal. At this meeting Morris Duane, Esq. was re-elected President of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Greville Haslam, headmaster, spent several days this month, as guest of honor of the Canadian Headmasters' Association.

Among the highlights of student activities during February will be two Glee Club concerts—with Springside School and with Agnes Irwin School. These concerts follow a very successful program which was held with the Shipley School during January. High spot of the evening at these concerts is the Academy Octet consisting of Richard Mears, Harold Starr, Robert Lowry, Ed Medford, Willis Arndt, Charles Bazemore, Richard Hiers and Jack Kistler.

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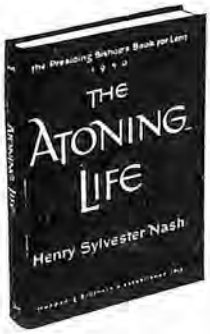

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